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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER ELECTION DOMINATES LO 75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

1. SEPTEMBER 16 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION WEIGHED HEAVILY UPON
RHETORIC OF PRIMIN PALME AND LO PRESIDENT NILSSON AT SWEDISH
TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (LO) 75TH ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST 12.

2. LO PRESIDENT GUNNAR NILSSON RECOUNTED HISTORY OF LO AND
ITS TIES WITH SOCDEM PARTY AND GOVERNMENT. HE STRESSED THE
NEED FOR CONTINUED ACTION IN BOTH THE POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE
AND TRADE UNION AREAS TO ACHIEVE GREATER WORKER INFLUENCE AND
SECURITY. IN A BOW TO LO MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT BELONG TO THE
PARTY, HE CAUTIONED THAT EVEN THOUGH ALLIES IN THE PURSUIT OF
POLITICAL GOALS LO MUST REMAIN INDEPENDENT OF BOTH PARTY AND
GOVERNMENT.

3. PRIMIN PALME ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO LO ACTIVITY IN BOTH
POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION AREAS. PM TRIED TO DEFUSE WHAT HE
CONSIDERES PRIMARY ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN, UNEMPLOYMENT , BU
CASTIGATING EMPLOYERS FOR IMPORTING FOREIGN WORKERS INSTEAD
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OF MAKING PLACES FOR HARD-TO-EMPLOY SWEDES SUCH AS OLDER PERSONS,

YOUTH, HANDICAPPED AND FEMALE WORKERS. HE ALSO TRIED TO PLACATE UNHAPPY STOCKHOLM VOTERS BY INVEIGHING AGAINST INDUSTRY MOVING OUT OF CAPITAL CITY, ALTHOUGH MUCH MOVEMENT IS RESULT OF GOVERNMENT DECENTRALIZATION POLICY AND WITH GOVERNMENT INDUCEMENTS.

4. COMMENT: BOTH SPEECHES WELL RECEIVED BUT WITHOUT ANY SPONTANEOUS BURST OF FERVOR. MOST ENTHUSIASM, AND IT WAS NOT EXACTLY EARTH-SHAKING, CAME WHEN PALME ATTACKED EMPLOYERS FOR IMPORTING WORKERS SUCCESSFULLY PLACING THE UNEMPLOYMENT MONKEY ON THE BACKS OF THE EMPLOYERS FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE CROWD. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTERWARD PALME WAS HEARD TO SAY THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WAS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEREFORE IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT OTHER ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR THIS SITUATION ELSEWHERE.

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